from the US regulatory agency to the effect that the CSB shipment does not contain the banned or obsolete variety of transgenic corn, the GEAC decided not permit the import of CSB.

(c) All food items imported into the country are checked as per the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act and Rules. For food having GM content, the GEAC evaluates the food and health safety aspects prior to its import.

(d) and (e) The appeal was filed by the CARE and CRS before the Appellate Authority against the decision of the GEAC not to permit the import of CSB. The same was, withdrawn by them later.

Environmental clearance for projects

372. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of Karnataka Government for release of 188.40 ha. of forestland in favour of Revenue Department for rehabilitation of Tribal families displaced from Bandipur National Park and construction of Kabini Reservoir is pending for environmental clearance, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in clearing the above project; and

(c) the details of other proposals of Government of Karnataka pending for environmental clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) For diversion of forest land for non-forestry uses, forestry clearance is granted under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Central Government received such a proposal from Government of Karnataka on 14.7.2000 under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was rejected as the land formed part of the Bandipur National Park. As per the directions of the National Human Rights Commission, the State Government has submitted a fresh proposal for diversion of 200.00 ha. of forest land for the purpose on 28.01.2003.

(c) A list of proposals from Karnataka pending for environmental clearance as on 17.02.2003 is annexed as Statement (See below). As per the provision of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 and its subsequent amendments, decision on the proposal for environment clearance is taken within 90 days from the date of receipt of all requisite information.

Statement

List of proposals from Karnataka pending for environmental clearance

Sl. No.	Name of the Projects	Status
1.	Setting up of New Mollasses Based Distillery of manufacturing rectified spirit village KM manufacturing Doddi Hebbani, District Mandya, M/s Sri Chamundeswari Sugar Ltd.	Additional information awaited from project authorities.
2.	Distillery Plant at Village Baggadanahalu District Davangere, M/s Anugraha Distilleries Ltd.	-Do-
3.	Ex-Post-facto Distillery unit at Heggadathiahally, District Tumpur, M/s J.P. Distilleries Pvt, Ltd.	-Do-
4.	2x250 MW Power Plant (Expansion Scheme) and change of fuel for existing 2x130 Mw Plant, District bellary, M/s Jindal Tractebel Power Company Ltd.	-Do-
5.	45 Mw Bagasse Based Cogeneration Power Project, District Belgaum, M/s Globe Cogeneration Power Ltd.	-Do«
6.	Markandeya Reservoir Project, District Belgaun, M/s Karnataka Neeravani Nigam Ltd.	-Do-
7.	Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Project, district Bellary, M/s National Mineral Development Corporation.	-Do-
8.	Malagolla Iron Ore Mine, District Bellary, M/s Hothur Traders.	-Do-
9.	Sanjeevarayana.Kota Iron Ore Project, District Bellary, M/s Shri Allum Prasant.	-Do-
10.	Karnataka State Highway Project Phase-ll Upgradation of Road, Districts Bagalkot, Belgaum, Gadag, Dharward, by Public Works Department.	-Do-